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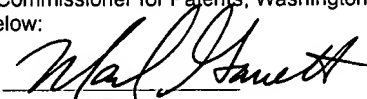
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RE: *SN 09/684,066 "STATISTICAL METHODS FOR ANALYZING BIOLOGICAL SEQUENCES" - Ranganathan et al. (UTSMC/DAL:645)*

Commissioner:

Please find enclosed:

1. A Response to Restriction Requirement dated November 15, 2001;
2. Formal Drawings – FIGS. 1-12 on 12 sheets; and
3. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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